

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
PEDESTRIAN WORKING GROUP AND THE
REGIONAL BICYCLE TASK FORCE

Tuesday, September 18, 2007 at 1:30 p.m.
MAG Office Building, Cholla Room
302 North First Avenue, Phoenix

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Tami Ryall, Gilbert, Chair, Regional Bicycle Task Force and Acting Chair of the Pedestrian Working Group	^Steve Hancock, Glendale
*Bruce Meyers, ADOA Gen. Services	*Farhad Tavassoli, Goodyear
Michael Sanders, ADOT	*Michael Cartsonis, Litchfield Park
*Brian Fellows, ADOT	Peggy Rubach, Maricopa County
Michael Eagan, ASLA, Arizona Chapter	Jeff Sargent for Brandon Forrey, Peoria
Margaret Boone-Pixley, Avondale	Katherine Coles, Phoenix
*Michael Normand, Chandler	*Srinivas Goundla, Phoenix
Rich Rumer for Bill Lazenby, Coalition for Arizona Bicyclists	*Troy White, Queen Creek
Mark Smith, El Mirage	Randi Alcott, RPTA
	Reed Kempton, Scottsdale
	*Eric Iwersen, Tempe
	*Lance Ferrell, Surprise

*Members neither present nor represented by proxy.

^Attended via audio-conference

OTHERS PRESENT

1. Call to Order

Reed Kempton called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

2. Approval of the August 21, 2007 Meeting Minutes of the Pedestrian Working Group and the Regional Bicycle Task Force

Peggy Rubach moved to approve and Mark Smith seconded the move to approve the meeting minutes of the Bicycle Task Force and Pedestrian Working Group for August 21, 2007. The motion passed unanimously.

Mark Smith noted that the motion to recommend for approval the MAG Bikeway Master Plan was passed unanimously.

3. Call to the Audience

An opportunity was provided to members of the public to address the Bicycle Task Force and the Pedestrian Working Group on items not scheduled on the agenda that fall under the jurisdiction of MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. Members of the public were requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes was provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Bicycle Task Force and the Pedestrian Working Group requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on action agenda items were given an opportunity at the time the item was heard.

There were no members of the public were present.

4. Staff and Member Agency Reports

Maureen DeCindis noted that the new TIP schedule allows the committees to hear presentations on the projects in October and rank the projects in November. There will be no second meeting in October. There will be \$8,743,000 available for 2013 projects.

Peggy Rubach distributed copies of the agenda for Enhancements meeting. MAG has two statewide projects for \$1.9 million and eight local projects for \$2.9 million out of the possible \$8 million available.

Randi Alcott reported that Valley Metro is doing the second round of bicycle safety education workshops. There were 40 people in attendance in Gilbert.

5. Recommendation for Approval of the Design Assistance Applications

The committee members will be asked to review and recommend for approval the MAG Design Assistance Applications for:

- City of Scottsdale: 70th Street Pedestrian and Bicycle Connection (\$55,000). This project is a pedestrian/bicycle connection on the 70th Street alignment which is currently an unpaved alley with a neighborhood irrigation system.
- Town of Gilbert: Pedestrian Safety & Traffic Calming Demonstration Project (\$75,000). This pedestrian design will help the Town examine the school routes of four public schools and design routes with appropriate pedestrian improvements.
- Town of Gilbert: Bicycle Crossing Safety and Improvement Demonstration Phase II Project (\$90,000). This demonstration project will apply regional mid-block crossing treatments to six selected sites.
- City of Peoria: New River Underpass at Olive Avenue (\$125,000) The project will design a shared-use path underpass along the New River Path at Olive Avenue.

Tami Ryall asked if the committee would like to:

- Change the dollar amount in any of the requested projects.
- Change the schedule for the application process.
- Go out for project applications again in January or include the left over amount for next year's

round of design assistance projects. This year's projects equal to \$345,000 therefore \$155,000 will be allocated to the 2008 projects.

Tami Ryall suggested having the Design Assistance application due in early December and then review and rank in January rather than the current schedule of applications due in August. Another suggestion is to add all application process dates with the calendar at the bottom of each agenda.

Randi Alcott moved to approve and Katherine Coles seconded the motion to recommend for approval the Design Assistance applications. The remaining funding will be added to the fund for the 2008 process. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Discussion of Ideas for the MAG Regional Bikeways Map

Peter Burnett presented a few different layouts for the committee to discuss. Peter Burnett ran some samples of the map as a portrait layout and as horizontal layout. There is such a large region and so it shows more open space rather than detail. Peter Burnett recommended keeping the map all on one side, overlap can be confusing if one has to turn the map over. It is still possible to zoom out to illustrate all the facilities and to use inserts for greater detail in certain sections.

Margaret Boone Pixley suggested placing photos in the blank spaces. Tami Ryall pointed out that the folding pattern would be smaller this year. Tami Ryall suggested that Reed Kempton make a list of all the issues that should be highlighted for example Maricopa Road. Peggy Rubach noted that the landscape version seems to pick up more of the routes and would include all of Mesa, US 80 and Maricopa Road. Web sites, photographs, safety information, and/or recommended rides with level of difficulty, bike on bus and rail on bus information, park and ride lots, how to load your bike could be added to cover the white spaces.

Peter Burnett is going to create a next sample map on pdf and this will be sent out to the committee for review.

7. Update on MAG Federally Funded Projects

The agenda item was tabled to October meeting. Eileen Yazzie will provide member agencies with an update on federally funded projects. This update will include an overview of the MAG Fed-TIP website, and the current status of active and inactive projects.

8. Next Meetings

All meetings will be on Tuesday in the Cholla Room at 1:30 p.m.

October 16, 2007

November 20, 2007

December 18, 2007 NOON